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Invention: PROCESS FOR PREPARING RUBBER SHEET AND TREAD AND STUDLESS TIRE USING SAME					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated September 6, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment contains a claim set as amended and remarks.